2.12 MAHARASHTRA

2.12.1 Administration: The Department of Archives of Maharashtra has its head office at Bombay and sub-offices at Pune, Kolhapur, Aurangabad and Nagpur. During the period under report, at the headquarters 9 new posts were sanctioned thus raising the present strength to 87. The sub-offices at Pune and Kolhapur are headed by a Superintendents each while the Vidarbha and Marathwada offices are headed by Archivists.

With a view to develop and modernise the State Archives and the sub-offices, a comprehensive scheme embracing all facets of record management has been drawn up.

2.12.2 Budget: During the period under report a sum of Rs.12,14,713 was spent against the allotted amount of Rs.11,80,000 on the non-plan side. There was however no provision on the plan side. For 1979-80 a sum of Rs.14,16,000 has been provided on the non-plan side.

2.12.3 Building: Proposal for construction of a new building is under consideration of the State Archives. At present the Archives at Bombay shares the building with the Elphinstone College. Pune and Kolhapur have their own buildings while Marathwada and Vidharba Archives are housed in rented buildings.

2.12.4 Record Management: Primary Weeding of the records is done in the Mantralaya Departments, according to their retention schedules. The Department of Archives is consulted only while weeding the 'A' and 'B' Class records. During the period 5,734 such files were appraised by the Department of Archives and of them 754 files were marked for permanent retention. Besides, 2,491 files were received from various Departments for custody. An extensive Survey of non-current records housed in various government offices in Pune and Sholapur was also undertaken.

2.12.5 Research and Reference: During the period 25 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities provided by the Department. While 1,583 records were requisitioned by Government agencies, 1,242 records were requisitioned by scholars and about 356 queries on records were attended to.

2.12.6 Reference Media: At Bombay Archives during the period under review, 144 diaries of public department and 77 rumals from Chandwad Daftar were catalogued. A catalogue of 1,000 Maps was published. In addition indices to those English Records of which no reference tools were available were prepared.

2.12.7 Publication Programme: During the period the following works were printed: (i) Catalogue of Papers relating to Rajarshi Sahu Maharaj 1882-1904, Volume I (ii) Catalogue of Papers Selected for further Research (Pune Archives) Volume I (iii) Descriptive Modi Documents (iv) Maps of India (v) Hot Springs in Bombay Presidency (vi) Aurangabad - Queen of Deccan and (vii) Hand book of Bombay Archives. (viii) Bulletin of the Department of Archives No.12 (ix) Emblems and Matters of Former Native States (x) Catalogue of Maps in Bombay (Part I) (xi) Selections from Peshwa Daftar - Hindi sources (xii) Maharashtra Archives at a glance.

In addition, the following publication programme has been taken in hand (i) Dickinson's Report on Forts in North Konkan (ii) Shivaji Movement (1895-1926) (iii) Correspondence regarding Boyce's Telegraph System (iv) Further Volumes of Correspondence of Rajarshi Shahu Chhatrapati of Kolhapur (v) Papers relative to Shri Mahalaxmi temple of Kolhapur and (vi) Chitnishi Daftar, Pune Archives.

Besides, the above mentioned programme the publication of Departmental Bulletin containing research papers and original source material selected from records will also continue.

2.12.8 Preservation of Records: During the period under report at Bombay Archives 3129 records were flattened, 3,324 records were repaired, 629 records were guarded and 658 volumes,

gazettes and newspaper files were bound. At Pune Archives 18,953 documents were mended, 159 volumes and 127 files were bound, while at Kolhapur Archives 2096 volumes were mended and 127 files and books bound.

2.12.9 Photo Duplication: Maharashtra Archives has no 'microfilming unit'.

2.12.10 Library: During the period under review 159 reference books and 1723 Government publications were acquired.

2.12.11 Other Activities: (i) The Director of Archives delivered 5 lectures at the Sessions of the Post Recruitment Training for Mantralaya Staff held during the year (ii) An appeal was issued to the public to hand over old records in their custody for preservation in the State Archives. (iii) To arouse archival consciousness in the people, radio talks were delivered by Dr.B.G.Kunte and Dr. Arun Joshi and articles on Archives were published in local newspapers, 'Navashakti' and 'Ajanta'. (iv) The 46th Session of Indian Historical Records Commission was hosted by the State Archives of Maharashtra under the auspices of the Government of Maharashtra. On this occasion an exhibition of historical documents was also arranged at Aurangabad.